

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (original): A product comprising:
a chewable water insoluble center; and
a coating including a medicament that surrounds the center, the coating comprising at least 50% by weight of the product.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The product of Claim 8 wherein the medicament is chosen from the group consisting of: analgesics; muscle relaxants; antibiotics; antivirals; stimulants; antihistamines; decongestants; anti-inflammatories; antacids; anesthetics; antifungal agents; antimicrobial agents; cancer therapies; antimycotics; oral contraceptives; diuretics; antitussives; nutraceuticals; probiotics; bioengineered pharmaceuticals; oral vaccines; hormones; psychotherapeutic agents; insulin; vitamins; ~~minerals~~; and cardiovascular agents.

Claim 10 (original): The product of Claim 8 wherein the coating includes a sufficient amount of taste masking agent to provide acceptable organoleptic properties.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The product of Claim 10 wherein the taste masking agent is chosen from the group consisting of: zinc gluconate; ethyl maltol; glycine; acesulfame-k; aspartame; saccharin; fructose; xylitol; isomalt; maltitol; spray dried licorice root; glycyrrhizine; sodium gluconate; glucono delta-lactone; ethyl vanillin; dextrose; sucralose; vanillin; and ethyl maltol.

Claim 12 (original): The product of Claim 10 wherein the taste masking agent comprises approximately 30% to about 99% by weight of the coating.

Claim 13 (original): The product of Claim 8 wherein the coating includes approximately 0.5% to about 5% by weight of a high-intensity sweetener chosen from the group consisting of aspartame, sucralose, saccharine, and acesulfame-k.

Claim 14 (original): The product of Claim 8 wherein the coating does not have a shellac layer.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A chewable product including a medicament comprising:

a center consisting of ingredients chosen from the group consisting of elastomers, resins, fats, oils, softeners, and inorganic fillers; and

a coating that at least substantially surrounds the center and includes a medicament.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The product of Claim 15 wherein the medicament is chosen from the group consisting of: analgesics; muscle relaxants; antibiotics; antivirals; stimulants; antihistamines; decongestants; anti-inflammatories; antacids; anesthetics; antifungal agents; antimicrobial agents; cancer therapies; antimycotics; oral contraceptives; diuretics; antitussives; nutraceuticals; probiotics; bioengineered pharmaceuticals; oral vaccines; hormones; psychotherapeutic agents; insulin; vitamins; ~~minerals~~; and cardiovascular agents.

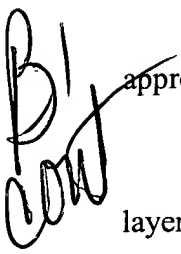
Claim 17 (original): The product of Claim 15 wherein the coating includes a sufficient amount of taste masking agent to provide acceptable organoleptic properties.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The product of Claim 15 wherein the taste masking agent is chosen from the group consisting of: zinc gluconate; ethyl maltol; glycine; acesulfame-k; aspartame; saccharin; fructose; xylitol; isomalt; maltitol; spray dried licorice root; glycerrhizine; sodium gluconate; glucono delta-lactone; ethyl vanillin; dextrose; sucralose; vanillin; and ethyl maltol.

Claim 19 (original): The product of Claim 15 wherein the taste masking agent comprises approximately 30% to about 99% by weight of the coating.

Claim 20 (original): The product of Claim 15 wherein the coating includes approximately 0.5% to about 5% by weight of a high-intensity sweetener chosen from the group consisting of aspartame, sucralose, saccharine, and acesulfame-k.

Claim 21 (original): The product of Claim 15 wherein the coating comprises at least 70% by weight powder when it is applied to the gum center.

 Claim 22 (original): The product of Claim 15 wherein the coating comprises approximately 50 to about 75% by weight of the product.

Claim 23 (original): The product of Claim 15 wherein the coating does not have a shellac layer.

Claims 24-46 (canceled)

